

Amendments to the Specification:

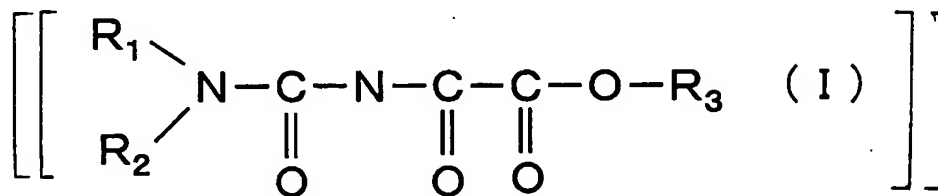
Please amend page 1, before Technical Field as follows:

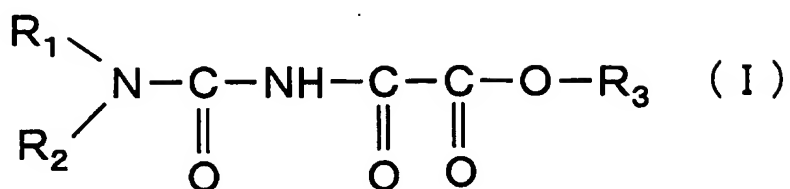
This application is a 371 U.S. national stage application of international application PCT/JP2003/011542 filed September 10, 2003, which claims priority of Japanese patent application 2002-265956 filed September 11, 2002.

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention

[0005] The present invention relates to an agent for renal failure containing at least one oxaluric acid derivative represented by the general formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an effective ingredient:





wherein each of R₁ and R₂, which may be the same or different, is hydrogen, an alkyl group or a cycloalkyl group, or R₁ and R₂ are joined to form a heterocyclic ring with the nitrogen atom to which they are both attached, and R₃ is hydrogen or an alkyl group.